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前編

I heard
a sound.

My good sense just barely holding on...
Emotions that had slowly but surely been building up...
CLIT
CHIW
shock
Shit...!
G..
It was the sound of those overflowing.

ANY INJURIES?
NO, WE'RE BOTH FINE!
WOW, THEY SURE BIT IT!
THAT WAS YOUR BALL JUST NOW, HUH? I'M SORRY! REALLY!!
GYAAA!! I'M SORRY, KAGEYAMA!
ARE YOU TWO OKAY?
YOU'RE FINE, AREN'T YOU, KAGE-YAMA?
RIGHT?
.....
SLAP
..CAPTAIN

MAY I BE EXCUSED FOR A BIT?
HUH?
DID YOU HURT SOME-THING?
SHI-MIZU!
THEY'RE OKAY!
EH-- HEY!
KAGE-YAMA?

squeak
thump
squeak
thump

WHAP
URK
fwoop
HUH?
BAP
.....
twitch
twitch
His face...
SWIP
SORRY
This isn't good.
His movements...
GEEZ, KAGEYAMA-SAN! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY TIMES THAT'S BEEN NOW?!
throb throb
SIT UP!
YOU'RE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE!

I can't bring myself to look directly at them.

YEAH, I FIGURED!
relieved
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
SQUEAK
.....
SOME-TIMES YOU HAVE OFF DAYS?
THEN, MAYBE IT'S THAT?
.....
WE CAN...
plip
...DO SOME TOSSES?
Yikes, it's hot!
HEY,
AFTER PRACTICE TODAY, DO YOU WANT TO DO SOME SOLO PRAC-TICE?

WH—
WHAT?
SOFT
!?
PASH
KAGE-YAMA?
grab
HEY!
STOMP
WHAT'S WRONG?
WAIT A SEC!
STOMP
...was I about to do?
What...

DON'T TOUCH ME!!
SFX: SHOVE
HINATA.
FROM NOW ON,
STAY AWAY FROM ME OUTSIDE OF THE COURT
That was my very...

Things that I "wanted to do" and "wanted him to do..."
Confronting these one-sided feelings of desire...
...last resort.
...terrified me.
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I'VE HANDLED IT FINE THIS FAR I CAN HANDLE IT FINE FROM NOW ON
I just...
I'VE GOTTA PLACE SOME SPACE BETWEEN US SO I DON'T WEIRD HIM OUT
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM
thump
NOT HINATA
SQUEAK
thump
SQUEAK
Hahaha
Bring it here!
...don't want to lose the volleyball I play with him.

rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
...is what I thought, but...
JOLT
WHAT IS IT?! DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?!
OH, UUUUH, UMM...
WHY ARE YOU FOL-LOW-ING ME?!
.....
NAP
WERE YOU NOT LISTENING TO ME BE-FORE?!
I SAID TO STAY AWAY FROM ME OFF THE COURT, DID I NOT??
WELL YEAH, BUT...
I...
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD GO HOME TOGETHER OR ..?

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY YOU'D SAY SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT.
MUTTER
TELL ME WHY! GIVE ME A REA-SON!
I-I'M NOT ABOVE A-POLOGIZING IF IT'S MY FAULT, SO...
.....
...As if I could possibly tell him.
That I want him.
That I don't know what I might resort to to have him.
—IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT I'VE BEEN OFF MY GAME
I'LL PASS YOU PROPER TOSSES AGAIN SOON E-NOUGH, SO SIT BACK AND JUST BE PATIENT.
I'M NOT WORRIED YOU WON'T SEND ME TOSSES, YOU KNOW
?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY--
.....
BECAUSE I'M YOUR TEAMMATE, RIGHT?
YOU ALWAYS TRY TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS ON YOUR OWN!
AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S HEALTHY!

WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS ARE ONLY CLOSE ON THE COURT?!
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU TELL ME TO IF I CAN! I'LL LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU ASK OF ME!
SO WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE THINKING OF, OR YOU WANT TO DO,
TELL ME!

SO UH... I'LL BE ON MY WAY FOR TODAY...
rattle
rattle
... ALL I HAVE TO SAY
AND THAT'S ...
OI.

SO YOU'LL SERIOUSLY...
...DO ANYTHING?

.....
YEAH.
GR-R
GR-R
...THEN COME WITH ME.
EH?! UH, OKAY...
STEP

UMM...
K-KAGE-YAMA-SAAAN?
EEEK!!
DUMBASS!
HOW DO YOU STILL SUCK THIS BAD?! LET ME GET A PUNCH IN!
SHUDDER
WHY HAVE WE COME TO SUCH A SECLUDED...?
WHUMP
!!
H-hey, I know I said I'd do anything, but I don't want it to hurt, 'kay?
I DON'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT ME TO

BUT IN RETURN,
...AFTER I DO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO
...YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO ASK...
...WHY I DID IT
.....
O...
OKAY?
.....
AND-
AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, SPEAK UP, GOT IT?
?
O...KAY.

.....
HE'S...
SOFTER THAN I THOUGHT
brush
nuzzle
NN

Remember this.
squee-ze

Because you'll never have this chance again.
How he feels...
The heat from his body...
Be satis-fied.
Cool down.
.....

Pat
Pat
squee-ze

WHUMP

SHOVE

STOMP

STOMP

N...
THANKS.
.....

NOW I'VE GONE AND DONE IT...!
ピーー
SFX BAM!

The Next Day
!
Hey there!
turn
TANAKA-SAN, WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME PRACTICE MY TOSSES?
Sure! Bring it on!!
Well that's the reaction I expected.

But...
Maybe this is for the best.
I KNEW IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
What the heck, Hinata! Your right leg and arm are moving in sync!
STIFF
STIFF
I didn't intend to take it that far...
And I feel like I'm having less trouble than usual looking at him.
He focuses better when he's on the run.
He's doing me a favor by avoiding me.
Though...I do feel guilty.
SFX WHAP!
Nice one!

pause
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM ME, DUMBASS! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT I DID TO YOU?! DON'T PLAY DUMB, JUST GET LOST!
"WHY"? JUST
THIS HAPPENED YESTERDAY TOO!
BUT WHY?!?!
I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD GO HOME TOGETHER...
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?!

HUH?
DO YOU NOT NEED TO DO IT TODAY...?
SO THEN..

WERE YOU PLAYING BETTER TODAY BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID YESTERDAY?
YOU SHOULD JUST KEEP TOUCHING... AND HUGGING...
...AND KISSING ME EVERY DAY
.....
...AND IF I WAS?
WELL THEN,
I mean, it DID shock me...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
Well!
MOST PEOPLE WOULD HATE THAT!
BUT...
YOU...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HERE?!
grip
JUST...
MORE THAN THAT...

SEEING YOU...
FEELING DOWN AND OFF YOUR GAME...
TELLING ME NOT TO TOUCH YOU, TO STAY A-WAY FROM YOU...
I HATE THAT *WAY* MORE!
UWAH!

So I can touch him?
'KAY.
I-I DON'T WANT IT TO HURT!
JUST A REMINDER...
Shit.
U-UM, KAGEYAMA-SAN,
I can touch him every day now?
A-AND ALSO!
YOU PROMISE YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING I DON'T WANT, RIGHT?
SURE.
squeeze
UM,
WAI-
RIGHT
GRAB
CALM DOWN!
...!!

Ugh...
Kiss
Kiss
THOUGH HE IS TREMBLING
He seriously...
...isn't putting up a fight at all.
Shiiit...
Nn~
Mm
Wow...
I want more...
Kiss
More...
HINATA..
pheeah!
CAN I USE MY TONGUE?

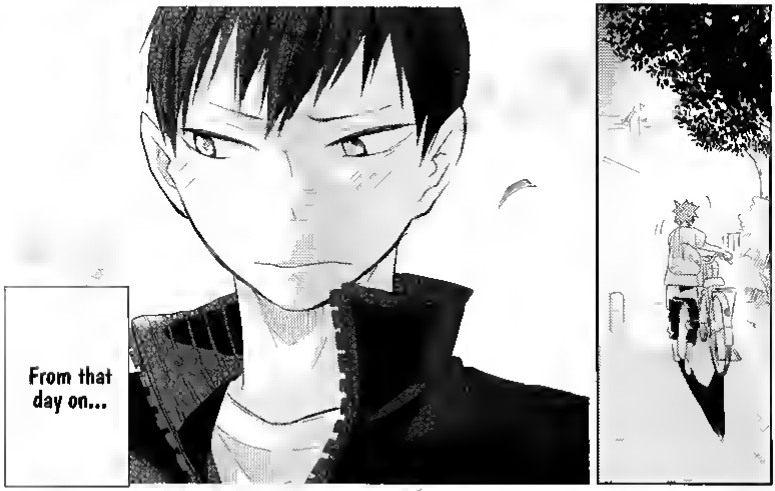
JUST...
JUST A LITTLE
.....!
.....!
.....
.....
WHAT'S A 'LITTLE'...?
...'KAY.
Hm~
ghive?

Hnn
Nn~
"Just a little"?
Nnh
That's... impossible.
With this...
shudder
Nnhn~
shudder

!
COLLAPSE
SHUDDER
WOBBLE
I...
I'M GOING HOME...

KAGE-YAMA!
wobble
wobble
HI!

LET'S ..
..GO HOME TOGETHER AGAIN TO-MORROW!


From that day on...

I began bringing Hinata here...
...to touch him...and kiss him...every day.
...SERIOUSLY?
To Be Continued...